

# Occasional newsletter from The Order of Australia Association, Western Australian Branch

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## **Number 6 of 2019**

### **The OAAWA programme ahead**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Booking and detail</u></b>
Thursday 31 October 10:30 a.m.	<u>EdConnect information session</u> . All about our new community project. <b>Participants needed.</b> <i>Please see item below.</i>	<i>Bettine Heathcote, AM</i> <a href="mailto:bettineh@bigpond.com">bettineh@bigpond.com</a> 0407 195 040
Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November	<u>Great Southern Group of the WA Branch</u> Annual OAA weekend – informal entertainments, ecumenical church service, annual luncheon.	<b><i>Always an enjoyable excursion for the Perth members who take the journey</i></b> <i>Mrs Janet Savage OAM JP</i> 8 Hiam St Bayonet Head WA 6330 Phone 0427 986 476 Email <a href="mailto:jannypat@westnet.com.au">jannypat@westnet.com.au</a>
Thursday 28 November	<u>Christmas lunch</u> Our less formal event for the year – always good fun.	<b><i>New venue – Fremantle Sailing Club – Booking form attached.</i></b>
Sunday 23 February 2020	<u>Annual General Meeting and Brunch</u>	<b><i>Expected to be at the Nedlands Rugby Club – later notice to come.</i></b>
Wednesday (TBA) March 2020	<u>OAAWA Australia Day Awardees' Reception</u>	<b><i>Details to be advised.</i></b>
Sunday 14 June 2020	<u>Ecumenical Church Service of the Order</u>	<b><i>St George's Cathedral – later notice to come.</i></b>
Wednesday 12 August 2020	<u>OAAWA Queen's Birthday Awardees' Reception</u>	<b><i>Details to be advised.</i></b>

### **Vale**

#### **Ken Pech, AM**

*It is with sadness we report the passing of KEN PECH AM. Ken for some years has been the Convenor of our Great Southern Region and will be greatly missed.  
Our thoughts are with Judith and his family.*

## **The Christmas Lunch**

Time to book for the lunch is now.

Booking form attached to this newsletter. It can be filled in on line or book otherwise as shown on the form.

## **Willing to donate?**

No pressure at all – we are not that kind of organisation. But we like to get together nice prizes for the Christmas Lunch raffle.

So, if you are well placed to give us something which would be appealing as a raffle prize or as part of the hamper, please do. Bottles of wine are always good; shortbread and other biscuits; (appealing!) exotic foods.

Please deliver to Bill Hassell, 20 Loneragan Street, Nedlands. Telephone 0417 902 915.

## **Police Patron Scheme**

This is one of OAAWA's community service ventures. "Patrons" – volunteers from among our members (who are given training) – act as mentors and counsellors to pre-graduation police recruits at the Police Academy in Joondalup.

Our convenor of the Scheme is Michael Bleus, OAM.

Michael has advised –

"I require 6 Patrons for the following dates,

1. March 2020
2. May 2020
3. July 2020
4. September 2020"

If you are willing to volunteer, or want to find out more about it, please contact Michael, [michael.bleus@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.bleus@bigpond.com) telephone 0450 603 643.

## **The WA Branch new community service project -- EdConnect**

As a follow on from our very successful School Careers program, the WA Committee has liaised with EdConnect to bring an opportunity for our members to be involved in this very worthwhile program.

EdConnect provides an opportunity to mentor a student at a school near you. This could be either a primary or secondary student depending on your preference.

An Information Session will be held at EdConnect The Rise, 28 Eighth Avenue Maylands at 10.30 am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

To register your interest in attending this session please contact Bettine Heathcote, AM on 9409 9626 or at [bettineh@bigpond.com](mailto:bettineh@bigpond.com) by 25 October please.

Further information for our regional members is available from Margaret Nunn, OAM on 9386 4096.

## **South west region up and running again**

Thanks to the efforts of your Committee, and especially the volunteer work of the Hon Barry House, AM, the South West Region has been rejuvenated.

Margaret Nunn, OAM has accepted a role as Liaison for the Regional Groups and is applying her usual enthusiasm and hard work to that.

Barry opened the batting in the South West Region with a highly successful visit to the Busselton Jetty followed by a luncheon on 11 September.

Good fun was had by all and the numbers of participants were most encouraging.

Thanks to all who contributed, including the Perth contingent who went down for the day.

Best wishes,

Mark Bonser

Chairman,

The Order of Australia Association, WA Branch.

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